

Status of Claims

Claims 1-48(cancelled)

Claim 49 [50] (currently amended) A gaming apparatus comprising:

a gaming machine having a player interface and circuitry for
issuing a signal upon the occurrence of a predetermined
event;

a lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game; and

an interface in data communication with the gaming machine and
the lottery game apparatus, the interface activating the
lottery game apparatus in response to the signal issued by
the gaming machine.

Claim 50 [51] (currently amended) The gaming apparatus according
to claim 49 [50] wherein the gaming machine comprises a slot
machine.

Claim 51 [52] (currently amended) The gaming apparatus according
to claim 49 [50] further comprising a central lottery computer
located at a remote site and in data communication with the

lottery game apparatus, the central lottery computer providing lottery game transmissions to the lottery game apparatus.

Claim 52 [53] (currently amended) A gaming system comprising:

a slot machine having a player interface and circuitry to issue a signal upon the occurrence of a predetermined event;

a lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game;

an interface in data communication with the slot machine and the lottery game apparatus, the interface activating the lottery game apparatus in response to the signal issued by the slot machine; and

a central lottery computer located at a remote site and in data communication with the lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game transmission to the lottery game apparatus.

Claim 53 [54] (currently amended) A gaming system comprising:

a lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game;

a central lottery computer at a remote location and in data communication with the lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game transmission to the lottery game apparatus;
and

an interface in data communication with the lottery game apparatus and having interface circuitry adapted to receive a signal from a slot machine, the interface activating the lottery game apparatus in response to the signal to allow a player to participate in the lottery game.

Claim 54 [55] (currently amended) A gaming apparatus comprising:

a lottery game apparatus to provide a lottery game; and

an interface in data communication with the lottery game apparatus, the interface comprising circuitry to receive a signal from a slot machine and activate the lottery game apparatus in response to the signal so as to allow a player

to participate in a lottery game.

Claim 55 [56] (currently amended) The gaming apparatus according to claim 54 [55] further comprising a slot machine having a player interface and circuitry to issue the signal upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

Claim 56 [57] (currently amended) A slot machine comprising:

a player interface;

circuitry that issues a signal upon the occurrence of a predetermined event on the slot machine;

a lottery game apparatus that provides a lottery game; and

an interface in communication with the circuitry and the lottery game apparatus, the interface configured to receive the signal issued by the circuitry and activate the lottery game apparatus to allow a player to participate in the lottery game upon receipt of the signal issued by the circuitry.